

3H PSYCHOLOGICAL DATA : DEVELOPMENT

is coming in his motor car', and thereafter we have him pointed out in the trams or buses, or in the sea. She has a vivid imagination—this is the sort of thing: She was tossing her ball up to the ceiling in the hall and all at once exclaimed, ' Come down, you naughty girl! ' I said, ' Who is it ? ' ' Oh 1 ' she replied, ' it's Oily. She jumped right up to the ceiling after my ball, and now she is swinging on a cobweb and I'm so afraid she will fall.¹ (Oily is one of Bisseker's friends, age two.) She *does* however, know the difference between 'real' or 'pretend'. She learnt this word when staying with a small cousin a few months older, a year ago. A small brother was here when she came home again, but of course she was expecting him. I told her months before that we hoped to have a little baby of our own, and she took great interest in the baby clothes, cot, etc. And when the baby arrived I wrote her a letter and told her the news, and that Dada would soon come for her. She was, and is still, delighted with him, and they are the best of friends. She was a consistent ' bed-wetter' till the baby came—in spite of bella-donna, Radio Malt, a new chamber, etc., but we have had about five accidents since last Christmas, and none for three months now. I don't even lift her at 10 p.m. now, and she gets out by herself during the night if necessary, I usually hear her about 6 a.m. and then she goes asleep again till it is time to get up. She is a good child—no trouble at all. She can wash her face and hands, change her frock and knickers and do her hair, and be really quite presentable. She is tidy at meals, and has a fair appetite. She is very well in every way and always doing something. I wondered if Bisseker would fade when the baby came, but

we still have
him, although she told me one day she wouldn't
have him
when she was a big girl. She enjoys naughtiness
by proxy—
as follows : ' When Teddy was a little boy (this is
the Teddy
Bear) he put the marmalade all over his face and
hands and all
over the tablecloth and all over everything.
His mother
was afigry with him/ ' When Teddy was a little
boy he put
a lot of paper on the fire and burnt *all* the things
in his house/
I have been teaching her various things, but we
have no set
time for lessons. She learnt the figures from my
inchtape,
and often when I am sewing she will measure
things, and so
gets to know words like 'width', 'length', and
'height'.
She is very good at drawing and modelling,
also sewing,